

2004 Governor's Award for Civic Engagement General Information

Purpose: To recognize organizations and individuals of all ages and backgrounds who, through their dedication and commitment to community service and volunteerism, have enhanced civic life in Montana and embodied the true spirit of civic engagement.

Background: The Montana Commission on Community Service established the Governor's Award for Civic Engagement to honor organizations and individuals for their efforts to engage their communities and achieve results that affect the way of life at the state or local level. The award is granted for **extraordinary endeavors**. It is not easily won. This award is destined to be **Montana's premier award for civic engagement. It will represent the best in positive community change through service, volunteerism and community leadership.**

Eligibility: Individuals of all ages and backgrounds are eligible for nomination.
Nominees must be residents of the State of Montana.
Nominees may not be salaried for the services performed.
Awards will be given, if merited, in each of the following groups:

- High School and under (Age 18 or under)
- Young Adult (Age 19 - 29 years of age)
- Adult (30-59 years of age)
- Seniors (60+ years of age)
- Organizations, or multiple individuals acting concertedly

Selection: Nomination forms must be filled out completely and legibly to be considered. Two references will be required for each nomination. A selection committee will judge all nominations and select a winner in each age group. Nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Personal commitment to cultivating an ethic of service,
- Level of civic engagement fostered in community or the state,
- Significance of legacy that remains in community or the state,
- Significance of impact or change in the community or the state,
- Perseverance through obstacles of all types (economic, social, physical, etc.)

Submission: An original and Five (5) copies of the completed nomination application must be received by the Montana Commission on Community Service by **July 2, 2004**. Faxes will not be accepted. Please mail to:

Montana Commission on Community Service
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620-0801

Notification: Nominators of those chosen to receive awards will be notified by the end of July 2004. The Montana Commission will recognize winners on Community Service in special presentation ceremony at the Governor's Conference on Civic Engagement scheduled for late August 2004.

Questions: Please direct all inquiries to Steve Nelsen at the Montana Commission on Community Service at (406) 444-2573 or e-mail to stnelson@state.mt.us.

2004 Governor's Award for Civic Engagement Nomination Form

NOMINEE:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, and Zip: _____
Daytime Phone: _____
Fax or E-mail: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Social Security Number: _____

A Social Security Number is needed to process the cash award.

CATEGORY:

☐ High School ☐ Young Adult ☐ Adult
☐ Senior ☐ Organizations / Multiple Individuals

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Daytime Phone: _____
Fax or E-mail: _____

REFERENCES: To ensure complete knowledge of the nominee and his/her accomplishments, we request two references that are well acquainted with him/her. Those used, as references should be familiar with the nomination, the nomination process and the data submitted.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Daytime Phone: _____

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Nomination Format:

Using additional sheets of paper, please respond with a narrative answer no longer than 200 words for each question.

- Describe the nominee's personal commitment to cultivating an ethic of service in his/her community or the state?
- How did the nominee increase the level of civic engagement in his/ her community or the state?
- What legacy remains in the community or the state from the efforts of the nominee?
- Describe the significance of impact or change in the community or the state as a direct result of the efforts of the nominee.
- Explain any obstacles that the nominee had to overcome to create the civic engagement efforts for which he/she is nominated.

NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe the achievements and contributions of the nominee. Include biographical information and examples of the impact of the nominee's activity where appropriate. Please be as complete as possible within a 250-word limit.